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KANSAS BUSINESS HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

July 8, 2004

**Kansas Insurance Department
Topeka, Kansas**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Riley, Chairman, Manhattan
Representative Willa DeCastro, Wichita
Senator Henry Helgerson, Wichita
Pat Kaufman, Shawnee Mission
John Naramore, Lawrence
Sandy Praeger, Insurance Commissioner, Kansas Insurance Department
Janet Schalansky, SRS
Representative Sue Storm, Shawnee Mission

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lt. Gov. John Moore
Senator Ruth Teichman, Stafford

OTHERS PRESENT:

Karen Braman, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance
Scott Brunner, Medicaid Director, SRS
Jennifer Crow, Governor's Office
Ken Daniel, Kansas Health Partners Benefit Association
Bob Day, Director, Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance
Wendy Dressler, Admin Assistant, Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance
David Hornick, KHPBA Insurance Advisor
Matt Jordan, Kansas Department of Commerce
David Patzman, Johnson County Health Department
Tom Steiner, Mercer Consulting
Jenifer Telshaw, SRS
Barbara Torkelson, Kansas Insurance Department

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July 8, 2004
10:00AM – 3:00PM, Kansas Insurance Department

The Chairman welcomed members of the Committee followed by introduction of Committee members and guests.

Bob Day gave a presentation on Health Coverage Expansion. Several decision points for the Business Health Policy Committee were brought up in the presentation. The points were:

- ❖ What should the benefit package be?
- ❖ What is the appropriate subsidy level?
- ❖ How much should a business tax credit be?
- ❖ What about a high risk/stop loss pool?
- ❖ Equity – who should get subsidy? What about businesses who have been providing coverage?
- ❖ How will crowd-out be addressed?

The Governor's Office of Health Planning and Finance will bring alternatives to the committee – providing information/options to make these decisions and model projections. GOHPF will help with grant requests to hire consultants to put together information.

David Hornick gave a progress update on the Business Health Partnership's Cost Saver plan. David discussed a need for resources to market Cost Saver plan. The Department of Commerce will work with the Partnership to get Cost Saver plan information out to businesses. Kansas Insurance Department has a booth at the State Fair and can provide information about the Cost Saver plan.

The Partnership is looking for State support, a level of commitment/endorsement. The Governor's Office will not support a private product but will endorse the Partnership and their efforts.

Things to address/include in future meetings, agendas, etc.:

- 1) Clearly defined roles of the three entities involved – Business Health Policy Committee, Business Health Partnership, and Governor's Office.
- 2) Define target populations.
- 3) Learn more about Health Insurance Premium Payment System (HIPPS). –Scott Brunner
- 4) Increase Medicaid federal poverty level from 34% to 50% or even 72%? – operational explanation. –Scott Brunner
- 5) Number of HealthWave participants. –Scott Brunner
- 6) Department of Commerce to give update on Small Business Tools. –Matt Jordan
- 7) Wendy Wolf, CEO of Maine Health Care Access, will be a guest speaker at a special gathering of the Kansas Health Care Roundtable on Friday, August 13, 2004 from 9:00am until 11:00am in room D of the SRS Learning Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Scheduled Meetings:

September 2, 2004 from 10:00am until 3:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room of the Kansas Insurance Department (420 SW 9th Street, Topeka, KS).

October 1, 2004 from 10:00am until 3:00pm in the 3rd floor conference room of the Kansas Insurance Department (420 SW 9th Street, Topeka, KS).

You may also check out our website at

http://www.ks governor.org/healthPlanning/workgroups_hpf.shtml for scheduled meeting dates, times, and locations.